

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[,];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[,];

a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device[,];

a version checking program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer, and

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed; and

a storing program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[[; and]],

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[[],];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[[],]; and

a software updating program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer,

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed,

rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from a software distributor via a communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information, and

[[for]] causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[; and],

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[[],];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[[],];

a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device[], and];

a version checking program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer, and

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed;

a software updating program of rewriting and updating the software in accordance with the update updated software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information[],; and

wherein said medium stores a storing program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[; and]],

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

4. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium as claimed in claim 1, further storing:

a computer information acquiring program for acquiring information of [[said]] the computer,

wherein the transmission program transmits the information of the computer, as well as the inherent ID information, to the software distributor.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of updating software distributed and stored in a computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium, [[said]] the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting non-rewritable inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device;

transmitting a version information of updated software to a computer;
comparing, by the computer, the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed;

rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information; and

updating software in the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium and in a memory device of [[a]] the computer that is currently using the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium[[:]].

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

6. (Canceled)